

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 221

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, CHAP. 2:01

RULES

MADE BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER SECTION 161 OF THE REPRESENTATION OF
THE PEOPLE ACT

THE REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2000

1. These Rules may be cited as the Registration (Amendment) Rules, 2000. Citation

2. In these Rules “the Rules” means the Registration Rules. Definition of Rules

3. The Rules are amended by deleting the words “registration record card” and “registration record cards” wherever they occur and substituting the words “registration record” and “registration records” respectively. Change of expressions in Rules

4. Rule 2 of the Rules is amended by— Rule 2 amended

(a) deleting the definition of the term “certificate as to registration” and substituting the following:

“ “Acknowledgement of Application for Registration” means an Acknowledgement of Application for Registration referred to in rule 18.”;

(b) deleting the term “inventory form”; and

(c) deleting the term “minor’s registration card”.

5. Rule 3A of the Rules is revoked. Rule 3A revoked

6. Rule 6(1)(b) of the Rules is revoked. Rule 6 revoked

7. Rules 8(2) and 8(3) of the Rules are amended by deleting the words “polling division” wherever they occur and substituting the words “registration area” . Rule 8 amended

8. Rule 9(3) of the Rules is amended by deleting the words “subject to rule 24” and substituting the words “subject to Rules 23(5) and 24”. Rule 9 amended

- Rule 10 amended
9. Rule 10 of the Rules is amended—
- (a) in subrule (1), by—
- (i) inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer”, wherever they occur, the words “or an Authorized Registering Officer”; and
- (ii) deleting the words “card and a certificate as to” and substituting the words “and an Acknowledgement of Application for”; and
- (b) in subrule (2), by inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer”, the words “or an Authorized Registering Officer”.
- Rule 10A amended
10. Rule 10A(4) of the Rules is amended by deleting the words “All registration record cards” and substituting the words “The file number on all registration records”.
- Rule 11 amended
11. Rule 11 of the Rules is amended—
- (a) by revoking subrule (1) and substituting the following:
- “ (1) Registration records shall be in duplicate in the form set out as Form 10 in the Prescribed Form Rules.”;
- (b) in subrule (1A), by deleting the words “for the first time under those Rules in or after the 22nd July, 1985 and persons whose registrations have been updated”; and
- (c) by deleting subrule (5) and substituting the following:
- “ (5) Every registration record referred to in subrule (1) shall carry in addition to the registration number, a registration serial number labeled as File Number which shall be different for each card.”.
- Rule 12 amended
12. Rule 12 of the Rules is amended by inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer” wherever they occur, the words “or an Authorized Registering Officer” .
- Rule 13 amended
13. Rule 13 of the Rules is revoked and the following substituted:
- “ 13. After the necessary particulars have been entered on the registration record, the Assistant Registration Officer or the Authorized Registering Officer shall sign it, and subject to rule 15, require the person being registered to read and sign it if he is satisfied that the contents thereof are correct.”.
- Rule 14 amended
14. Rules 14(1) and 14A of the Rules are amended by inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer” and “Assistant Registration Officer” respectively, the words “or the Authorized Registering Officer” and “or the Authorised Registering Officer” respectively.

15. Rule 15 of the Rules is amended—

Rule 15
amended*(a)* in subrule (1) by—

- (i) inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer” the words “or the Authorized Registering Officer”; and
- (ii) deleting the word “card”;

(b) in subrule (2) by—

- (i) inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer” the words “or the Authorized Registering Officer”; and
- (ii) deleting the words “read over” and substituting the word “read”;

(c) in subrule (3) by—

- (i) inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer” wherever they occur, the words “or the Authorized Registering Officer”; and
- (ii) deleting the words “read over” wherever they occur and substituting the word “read”;

(d) in subrule (5), by inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer” the words “or the Authorized Registering Officer”; and*(e)* in subrule (6), by inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer” the words “or the Authorized Registering Officer”.

16. Rules 16(1) to 16(6) of the Rules are amended by inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer” wherever they occur, the words “or the Authorized Registering Officer”.

Rule 16
amended

17. Rule 17 of the Rules is amended—

Rule 17
amended*(a)* in subrule (1), by—

- (i) inserting after the words “An Assistant Registration Officer”, the words “or an Authorized Registering Officer”;
- (ii) deleting the words “such card” and substituting the words “such record”; and
- (iii) deleting the word “writing” and substituting the word “entering”;

(b) in subrule (2), by inserting after the words “the Assistant Registration Officer”, the words “or the Authorized Registering Officer”; and*(c)* by revoking subrule (3).

Rule 18
amended

18. Rule 18 of the Rules is revoked and the following substituted:

“ 18. (1) An Assistant Registration Officer or an Authorized Registering Officer shall issue, in respect of every person applying for registration, an acknowledgement of application for registration in the form set out as as Form 13 in the Prescribed Forms Rules.

(2) The Assistant Registration Officer or the Authorised Registering Officer shall record the required particulars, affix his signature to the acknowledgement and deliver same to the applicant.

(3) Every acknowledgement issued under subrule (1) shall certify that the applicant has been photographed by the Commission’s photographer, or has submitted two identical prints of a recent photograph.”.

Rule 19
amended

19. Rule 19 of the Rules is amended—

(a) by revoking subrule (1) and substituting the following:

“ 19. (1) Any clerical error or omission in a registration record, and any other error in any such record that has been caused by the inadvertence of any Assistant Registration Officer or an Authorized Registering Officer, or the person seeking registration may be corrected or inserted as the case may require by any Assistant Registration Officer or Authorized Registering Officer.”;

(b) in subrule (4), by—

(i) inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer”, the words “or the Authorized Registering Officer”; and

(ii) deleting the word “card” and substituting the word “record”; and

(c) in subrule (5), by—

(i) inserting after the words “Registration Officer”, the words “or the Authorized Registering Officer”; and

(ii) inserting after the words “requisite changes in the”, the words “computerized database and the”.

Rule 20
amended

20. Rules 20(1) and 20(2), of the Rules are amended by deleting the words “and the identification card.”.

21. Rule 21 of the Rules is amended— Rule 21
amended
- (a) in subrule (1)(g), by deleting the words “certificates as to registration” and substituting the words “Acknowledgement of Application for Registration”; and
- (b) in subrule (2), by inserting after the words “an Assistant Registration Officer”, the words “or any other Authorized Officer”.
22. Rule 22 of the Rules is amended— Rule 22
amended
- (a) by inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer”, the words “or an Authorized Registering Officer”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “all cards, forms, binders” and substituting the words “all registration records, cards, forms, binders”.
23. Rule 23 of the Rules is amended— Rule 23
amended
- (a) by revoking subrules (1) and (2) and substituting the following:
- “ 23. (1) On completion of the registration record, where the person applying for registration does not furnish the required prints of his photograph, he shall be directed to the official photographer to have his photograph taken before an acknowledgement of application for registration under rule 18 is issued.
- (2) The official photographer shall thereafter take the photograph of such person, enter the date in the space provided in section “A” of Form 13, affix his signature thereto and give to the applicant section “B” of the said Form.”;
- (b) by revoking subrule (4) and substituting the following:
- “ (4) The official photographer shall transmit the photographs taken by him under subrule (2) or accepted by him under subrule (5) to the appropriate Registration Officer. On receipt thereof, the Registration Officer or the Authorized Registering Officer shall attach one print of the photograph to the registration record in respect of the same person and file same appropriately in the register of the relevant polling division.”.
24. Rule 24 of the Rules is amended— Rule 24
amended
- (a) in subrule (2), by deleting all the words occurring after the words “and shall be” and substituting the words “completed

by the applicant and handed to the Assistant Registration Officer or the Authorized Registering Officer before an acknowledgement of application for registration is issued under rule 18.”;

(b) by revoking subrule (3) and substituting the following:

“ (3) On receipt of an application under subrule (2), the Assistant Registration Officer or the Authorized Registering Officer shall attach same to the completed registration record and the other related documents.”;

(c) in subrule (4)—

(i) by inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer” the words “or the Authorized Registering Officer”; and

(ii) by deleting all the words occurring after the word “same” and substituting the words “together with the other documents related to such person to the Registration Officer”;

(d) by revoking subrules (6) and (7) and substituting the following:

“ (6) If the Registration Officer grants the application without, or after holding, an enquiry, he shall endorse on the application and in the space for the photograph on the registration record of such person, the words “Exempt from Photograph” together with his signature, and shall enter in the place reserved for remarks on the registration record the reason for the exemption, and he shall return the documents to the Assistant Registration Officer or the Authorized Registering Officer.

(7) The Assistant Registration Officer or the Authorized Registering Officer, on receipt of the granted application, shall issue an acknowledgement of application on which he shall record the words “Exempt from Photograph” in sections “A and B”, affix his signature thereto and give section “B” to the applicant.”;

(e) by inserting after subrule (7), the following:

“ (7A) Where a Registration Officer grants an application under this rule, he shall notify the Chief Election Officer who shall endorse in the space for the photograph on the identification card of such person the words “Exempt from Photograph” and affix his signature.”; and

(f) by revoking subrule (8) and substituting the following:

“ (8) Where an application under this rule is refused, the Registration Officer shall subject to the applicant’s compliance with rule 23 issue an Acknowledgement of Application for registration.”.

25. Rule 25 of the Rules is amended by—

Rule 25
amended

- (a) deleting the words “the registration record cards” and substituting the words “the duplicates of the registration records”;
- (b) inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officers”, the words “or the Authorized Registering Officers”; and
- (c) deleting the words “under these Rules” and substituting the words “under these Rules, together with prints of the photographs received by the Registration Officer from the official photographer under rule 23(4)”.

26. Rule 26 of the Rules is amended by—

Rule 26
amended

(a) revoking subrule (1) and substituting the following:

“ (1) On receipt of the documents referred to in rule 25 in respect of the same person, the Chief Election Officer shall—

- (a) cause a print of the photograph to be properly attached to the duplicate registration record and an image of the said photograph to be stored in the computerized database;
- (b) thereafter cause the information to be processed to produce a laminated identification card with a unique registration number; and
- (c) return the identification card to the Registration Officer and, if applicable, file the duplicate registration record at the Central Electoral Office.”; and

(b) inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer” the words “or Authorized Registering Officer”.

27. Rule 27 of the Rules is amended—

Rule 27
amended

- (a) in subrule (1), by deleting the words “rule 11(4)” and substituting the words “rules 11(4) and 48(2)”;
- (b) by deleting the words “to enable the cards” and substituting the words “to enable the records”.

- Rule 28 amended
28. Rule 28(4) of the Rules is revoked and substituted as follows:
 “ (4) The original registration records of electors and non-electors shall be kept in separate binders.”.
- Rule 30 amended
29. Rule 30 of the Rules is revoked and substituted as follows:
 “ 30. The duplicates of all registration records referred to in rule 26(1)(c) shall be arranged by the Chief Election Officer and filed together in the central register in alphabetical order according to family names.”.
- Rule 31 amended
30. Rule 31 of the Rules is amended—
- (a) in subrule (1), by deleting all the words occurring after the words “in exchange for the” and substituting the words “section B of the Acknowledgement of Application for Registration issued under rules 18(1) and 24(7).”;
- (b) in subrule (3), by deleting all the words occurring after the words “(6) on the” and substituting the following “original of the registration record.”;
- (c) in subrule (4)(a), by deleting the words “duplicate or the original of his certificate as to registration, as the case may be” and substituting the words “Acknowledgement of Application for Registration”; and
- (d) inserting after subrule (4) the following:
 “ (5) An identification card issued by the Commission shall be valid for such period as may be determined by the Commission.
 (6) The Commission may, by notice, published in the *Gazette* and at least one daily newspaper, extend the expiry date of identification cards issued by it, for any period that the Commission considers appropriate.”.
- Rules 31A and 31B revoked
31. Rules 31A and Rule 31B of the Rules are revoked.
- Rule 35 amended
32. Rule 35(1)(a) of the Rules is amended by inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer”, the words “or the Authorized Registering Officer.”.
- Rule 38 amended
33. Rule 38(5) of the Rules is amended—
- (a) in paragraph (c), by deleting the word “educational”;
- (b) by inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer” the words “or the Authorized Registering Officer”; and

- (c) by deleting the words “corrections on the registration record card” and substituting the words “corrections to the registration record”.
34. Rule 42 of the Rules is amended— Rule 42
amended
- (a) in subrule (3), by deleting the words “together with the inventory forms relating to them”; and
- (b) in subrule (4), by deleting the word “numbers” and substituting the words “file numbers”.
35. Rule 45 of the Rules is amended by deleting the words “polling division” and substituting the words “registration area”. Rule 45
amended
36. Rule 47 of the Rules is amended— Rule 47
amended
- (a) by revoking subrule (4), and substituting the following:
- “ (4) Rule 14 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in relation to a replacement identification card.”;
- (b) in subrule (6), by deleting the word “issues” and substituting the words “recommends the issue of”;
- (c) in subrule (7A), by deleting the words “in duplicate” and substituting the words “in the duplicate”; and
- (d) in subrule (9), by deleting the words “five dollars” and “ten dollars” in paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting the words “ten dollars” and “twenty dollars” respectively.
37. Rule 48 of the Rules is amended— Rule 48
amended
- (a) in subrule (1), by deleting the words “is lost” and substituting the words “are lost”; and
- (b) by revoking subrule (3).
38. Rule 50(2) of the Rules is amended by deleting the words “electors qualified to be electors” and substituting the words “all persons duly registered as electors”. Rule 50
amended
39. Rule 51 of the Rules is amended by inserting after the word “registered” the words “as an elector”. Rule 51
amended
40. Rule 55 of the Rules is amended— Rule 55
amended
- (a) in subrule (1), by deleting the words “Assistant Registration Officer” and substituting the words “Temporary Assistant Registration Officer”;

(b) in subrule (2), by—

(i) deleting paragraphs (c) and (e); and

(ii) deleting paragraph (f) and substituting the following:

“ (f) Acknowledgements of Application for Registration”; and

(c) in subrule (4), by deleting the words “interfere with” and substituting the word “obstruct”.

Rules 70 and
71 amended

41. Rules 70 and 71 of the Rules are amended by inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer” wherever they occur, the words “or an Authorized Registering Officer”.

Rule 77
amended

42. Rule 77(1)(d) of the Rules is amended by deleting the words “rule 47(8)” and substituting the words “Rule 47(9)”.

Rule 78
revoked

43. Rule 78 of the Rules is revoked.

Dated this 22nd day of September, 2000.

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